

Doctrinal Statement

The churches of this Association believe in and agree to proclaim to the world the historic Missionary Baptist Faith and Practice, which is briefly stated as follows:

1. The Trinity of God.
2. The verbal inspiration of the Scriptures.
3. The Biblical account of creation.
4. The personality of Satan.
5. Hereditary and total depravity of man in his natural state.
6. The virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ.
7. Christ's blood atonement for fallen man.
8. The bodily resurrection of Jesus and His ascension back to His Father.
9. The person and work of the Holy Spirit.
10. Justification before God by grace through faith without any admixture of works.
11. Separation of God's children from the world, with the church exercising strict discipline upon her members.
12. Water baptism (immersion) to be administered to believers only and by Divine authority as given to Missionary Baptist churches.
13. The Lord's Supper as a church ordinance is to be ministered to baptized believers only and in Scriptural church capacity.
14. Eternal security of the believer.
15. Establishment of a visible church by Christ Himself during His personal ministry on the earth.
16. World wide missions in accord with the Great Commission which Christ gave to His church (Matthew 28:19, 20).
17. Perpetuity of Missionary Baptist churches from Christ's day on earth until His second coming.
18. That all Scriptural churches should be equal as to their rights and privileges in their associated capacities.
19. That all Scriptural associational assemblies and their committees are servants of the churches.
20. That we brand as unscriptural open communion, alien baptism, pulpit affiliation with heretical ministers, unionism, modernism, modern conventionism, one-church dictatorship, preacher-dictatorship and all kindred evils arising from these practices.
21. We believe that baptism to be valid must be administered by the authority of a true Scriptural Missionary Baptist church, and we believe that a so-called Baptist church which knowingly receives alien immersion is not a Scriptural Baptist church, and its ordinances are not valid.
22. The personal, bodily and imminent return of Christ to earth.
23. The bodily resurrection of the dead.
24. The reality of heaven, involving Divine assurance of eternal

happiness for the redeemed of God.

25. The reality of hell, involving everlasting punishment for the incorrigible wicked.

Rules of Decorum

1. Each session of this body shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Correspondence may be opened with other Baptist Associations at such times and places as may be deemed proper.

3. Visiting brethren in sympathy with our work may be invited to seats and may be invited to speak, but not to vote.

4. Without a second, no motion will be discussed, and motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

5. Motions containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any member voting.

6. Everyone desiring to speak must rise and address the Moderator. No one shall speak more than once on any one subject without permission of the body.

7. The Moderator shall be the judge of order. Any brother may appeal from the Moderator's decision.

8. All committees shall be nominated by the Moderator or some other member, subject, however, to the approval of the body.

9. These rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body.

10. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair.

11. Minutes of the Association shall be read and approved by the messenger body before adjournment.

12. No personal reflections shall be tolerated.

13. No messenger shall leave without permission of the Moderator.

Order Of Business

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional.
3. Call for letters and petitionary letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Sermon.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Correspondence.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Reports from committees.
10. Resolutions.
11. Adjournment.